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1. The Rubtsovsk tank factory lies on the railway line from Novosibirsk via Semipalatinsk to Tashkent, 3 km north of Rubtsovsk (51-31 N, 81-14 E).¹ The factory covers an area of 800 X 1000 meters. The buildings are massive stone erections. The roofs are of steel construction.
2. Rubtsovsk lies in steppe country. A river runs approximately 1 km east of the town. To the east of the river, there is a landing strip without any buildings. A twin-engined plane landed there once a week in July 1948.
3. The main administration offices of the factory are used only by Soviet Army officers. The whole complex was closely guarded by troops. At all gates there were sentries with fixed bayonets. Inside the complex there were also sentries at all shops. There is a very strict control of all passes.²
4. Extensions to the factory were begun in 1945. They were carried out to the south of the existing buildings. Further extensions to the east of the building, marked 12 on the plan, may be contemplated. This area was surveyed in 1948. The extensions will probably be minor ones, owing to lack of space.

Transportation

5. Four railway tracks connect the factory to the main line. Supplies were brought to the factory exclusively by rail, and products were taken away exclusively by the same means. Twice a week a train of 90 rail cars left the factory by night. These trains then proceeded north. Three large oil-burning locomotives drew the trains.

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Equipment

6. About one-third of the machinery at Rubtsovsk in July 1948 was of Soviet origin. The remainder was of foreign origin, to judge by the makers' plates. The majority of the electrically driven machine tools, i.e., drills, milling machines, presses, and pneumatic hammers, and smelting furnaces [redacted] Each machine had its own electric motor.

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Power Supplies

7. There is a hydroelectric station on the river 1 km east of Rubtsovsk which supplies the factory and the town. There is no provision to cope with a failure of supplies; on one occasion the factory was out of action for three weeks as a result of a power failure. Compressed air is supplied to the works from the boiler house.

Labor Force

8. The total number of employees was over 100,000.³ Each shift consisted of approximately 35,000. About 50 percent of the employees were women. The age of the employees varied from 8 - 70. Work went on continuously, even on Sundays and holidays.

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1 [redacted] Comment: Rubtsovsk is approximately 100 miles northeast of Semipalatinsk. [redacted] the Altaiski Tractor Works M. I. Kalinin. Extensions to this factory have been reported in the Soviet press since 1945.

2 [redacted] Comment: From this paragraph it may be concluded that the factory was under direct Soviet Army control. 50X1-HUM

3 [redacted] Comment: In view of previous information, this labor figure is excessive. Total labor force is probably around 10,000. 50X1-HUM

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